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Fabulous fifty to attend college with support from scholarships

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COEUR d'ALENE -- Procrastination isn't all bad.

At least not for Taren Donneaud, who applied for a \$2,500 scholarship on "deadline day," then got it.

Donneaud, 18, a graduate of Post Falls High School, met all the criteria for a Horatio Alger scholarship that awards students for academic achievement, co-curricular activities and community service.

Her advice to other students: "You have to be looking for scholarships early. I was really lucky to get mine so late in the year."

Fifty high school seniors from Benewah, Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Latah and Shoshone counties received the scholarships that must be used at North Idaho College or the University of Idaho.

The scholarships were awarded by Duane Hagadone, who was inducted into the Horatio Alger Association in 2004. The association is comprised of Americans who have overcome adversity and humble beginnings to achieve success.

Donneaud learned about the scholarship program through English teacher Jennifer Maddy, who helped her fill out the forms.

Donneaud, who was the editor of the Trojan Times, the school's newspaper, plans to emulate Maddy and become an English teacher and journalism adviser.

The scholarship is split into four parts and will pay \$625 a year for four years. Donneaud said the money will help pay for books and that her parents are helping her with the rest of her tuition. She will live at home while attending NIC.

Mike Sifford, a graduate of Lakeside High School, also received a Horatio Alger scholarship that he'll use at NIC. In less than two weeks, Sifford will start a two-year law enforcement program that he thinks is "all in the family." His grandfather was an Idaho State Police officer, his uncle an officer in St. Maries, and his brother lives in Washington, D.C., and works for presidential security.

Sifford's dream is to work for the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department.

"I want to jump into my career right after college," said Sifford, whose education is fully paid for because he was his school's salutatorian, which came with a full ride scholarship. He also received nine others, most of which he will not use.

"I don't want to get big-headed, but I really worked hard to finish at the top to get scholarships," he added.

Sifford, 18, plans to live on campus, which will save money in travel time and gas.

"I do whatever I can to do the best I can."

The Horatio Alger Idaho Scholars Program is funded by Hagadone and his wife, Lola.

More than \$5 million is awarded annually for scholarship for students nationwide.

Applications for a 2006 Horatio Alger Idaho Scholarship are available through Oct. 15 and can be obtained at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

Horatio Alger scholarship recipients:

Nadia Aikens of Post Falls, Nathan Allen of Clark Fork, Amy Alsterlund of Viola, James Bartholomew of Post Falls, Jesselyn Bohman of Troy, Chelsey Byington of Kendrick, Destinie Davis of Moscow, Reva Dockery of Fernwood, Taren Donneaud of Post Falls, Katie Douglas of Rathdrum, Garrett Edmiston of Hayden, Arthur Elwell of Desmet, Erin Flint of Sandpoint, Patricia Frantz of Post Falls, Eddie Funkhouser of Moyie Springs, Michell Haase of Clark Fork, Corrina Hendrickx of Worley, Amanda Hester of Rathdrum, Luke Hohenstreet of Post Falls, Micah Leger of Coeur d'Alene, Lydia Lisher of Princeton, Tembre Lopez of Deary, Amberle Mangis of St. Maries, Crystal Maupin of Osburn, Tony McNamee of Osburn, Cody Merrell of Princeton, David Moore of St. Maries, Sabrina Mrazek of Blanchard, Kaleb Navarro of Troy, Stacy Olson of Moscow, Adam Osterburg of Deary, Crystal Ott of Harrison, Jed Overacker of St. Maries, Katy Patterson of Rathdrum, Jamie Pointon of Deary, Andrew Potter of Genesee, Heidi Reitmeier of Potlatch, Matthew Renfrow of Kendrick, Michal Sandford of Post Falls, Amanda Sheets of Genesee, Mike Sifford of Worley, Shane Stuemmer of Rathdrum, Keith Thompson of Rathdrum, Kristi Tuntland of Coeur d'Alene, Molly Warner of Kendrick, Heather Wells of Potlatch, Jessica Whetstine of Hauser, Sharise Wiedmer of Medimont and Tausha Winn of Rathdrum.